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### REMARKS

Claims 69-88 were pending, of which claims 68 and 79 have independent form. Claims 69-72, 75-82, and 85-88 stand rejected. Claims 73, 74, 83, and 84 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and intervening claims. The applicant has amended claims 69, 70, 74, 78, 79, 80, 84, and 88, canceled claims 73 and 83, and added new claims 89 and 90. Claims 69-72, 74-82, and 84-90 are now pending. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

### SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claims 69-71, 76-81 and 86-88 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,687,873 to Schilit et al ("Schilit"). The applicant has amended claim 69 to incorporate limitations similar to those of claim 73, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable. Claim 69 now recites instructions to, "for each of the columns, associate an item of text in the column with the graphical element," and "reposition the graphical element on the page according to the new vertical position of the item of text having the greatest change in vertical position." The Examiner recognizes and the applicant respectfully submits that none of the applied references discloses or suggests the above-cited limitations. Thus, claim 69 and claims 70-72, 74-78, and 89, which depend from claim 69, are in condition for allowance. The applicant has amended claim 79 to incorporate limitations similar to those of claim 83, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable. The applicant respectfully submits that, for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to claim 69, claim 79 and claims 80-82, 84-88, and 90, which depend from claim 79, are in condition for allowance.

### SECTION 103 REJECTIONS

Claims 72 and 82 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schilit as applied to claims 70 and 80, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,300 to

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Kohnno. Claims 72 and 82 depend from claims 69 and 79 and are allowable for at least reasons for which claims 69 and 79 are allowable.

Claims 75 and 85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schilit as applied to claims 69 and 79, and in further view of Microsoft Word 2000, published 1999. Claims 75 and 85 depend from claims 69 and 79 and are allowable for at least reasons for which claims 69 and 79 are allowable.

#### DEPENDENT CLAIM AMENDMENTS AND NEW CLAIMS

The applicant has amended dependent claims 70, 74, and 78 for clarification or to maintain consistency with amended claim 69. The applicant has amended dependent claims 80, 84, and 88 for clarification or to maintain consistency with amended claim 79.

New claims 89 and 90 each adds to their respective base claims limitations relating to a structured document, a PDF document, and a PostScript™ document. Support for the amendments can be found at page 1, lines 4-6 and 11-19, and at page 2, lines 10-12. Claims 89 and 90 are allowable for at least reasons for which their respective base claims are allowable.

#### CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed. Please apply charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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